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Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club

Mrs. Elsie Thornhill was hostess to the Wreck Island Extension Homemakers' Club when it met in her home on Wed., April 21 at 1:30 p.m.

There were 12 members and four visitors in attendance.

We were so fortunate to have with us Mrs. Ella Anderson, a former HD agent who organized our club 40 years ago on July 1936.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Elsie Thornhill with scripture reading Matthew 11:25-30 verses. Prayer by Mrs. Ella Anderson.

A letter was read from Shirley Walton by Mrs. V.A. Staton with dates of interest to members.

April 29 - 1:30 p.m. - Leader Training Session for May at the County Extension Office. This will be a program on the care and growing of plants for your home.

April 30 - Fireman's Carnival at Concord Elementary School beginning at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Members contributed $5.00 toward a 4-H Scholarship to help a child attend 4-H Camp. Also members donated $18.66 for the Fireman's Carnival.

One of our members, Mrs. Tilden Lee, attended District III Homemakers' meeting held at Brookville High School on April 15 and gave a report of the meeting.

Our Federation program chairman - Mrs. Ruth Carson gave on interesting talk on "A Clear Image of Our Greatness."

A demonstration on Arts and Crafts was given by Mrs. V. A. Staton: She showed members how to make hanging baskets, and also instructed them how to make beaded flowers. Each members completed their flower to take home.

Mrs. Staten led the group in repeating the Homemakers' Creed afterwhich the hostess served ice cream and cookies.

The May meeting will meet in the home of Mrs. Staten at 10 a.m. on May 19. Mrs. Staten will demonstrate on arts and crafts.

Mrs. Tilden Lee, Secretary

Calendar of Campbell County Bicentennial Events

Area residents have an opportunity to view approximately eighteen historic sites during a Whistle Stop Bus Tour Saturday, May 1. Buses will depart from Brookneal Community Building and the Court House in Rustburg at 9:30 a.m. and Altavista at 9:45 a.m. In the Altavista area Avoca, Otterbourne, The Mansion, and Monte Flora will be viewed. Brookneal stops include the Pick and Rush Houses, Camp Hat Creek, Pucketj House, Hat Creek Presbyterian Church and cemetery, and Spring Hill. Long Island area sites are Nickup, Green Hill and the covered bridge at Marysville. Rustburg stops include the Campbell County Court House, Farm Bureau Office Building, the salve block, Rustburg Presbyterian Church, Oxford Furnace, and the Courtland Presbyterian Church.

Tickets may be purchased at the Campbell County Recreation Department in Rustburg for $3.50 per person which includes box lunch. The ladies of Hat Creek Presbyterian Church will prepare the lunches and all buses will arrive in the hat Creek area around lunch time.

Other events being planned in Campbell County in conjunction with Bicentennial celebration are a Historic House Tour on Sun., May 2, and Patrick Henry Day to be observed at Red Hill on Sat., May 29. July 4 will feature Seantor Harry F. Byrd as speaker for Patriots at Rustburg. Railroader's Day is planned for August 8 with the Independence Limited #IV, a steam engine train, making stops in Rustburg and Brookneal on its way to Durham, N.C. October events being planned include the annual Campbell County Fair on October 2. Altavista area events include a Bicentennial Parade and Festival, Oct. 9 and the U.S. Aarmed Forces Bicentennial Caravan october 15.

GOSPEL SING TO BENEFIT YOUTH ASSOCIATION

A "Gospel Sing" to be held on May 14th at the Appomattox County High School at 8 p.m. with benefit the Appomattox County Youth Association.

Tickets will be sold for $1.00 in advance, $1.50 at the door. All members of the Youth Association will have tickets for sale.

Appearing will be The Rocks Quartet and The Fellowship Four and Jackie.

Make plans to attend and support the youth of our community.

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The Mt. Comfort MYF is sponsoring a "Sing In on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Palestine Quartet. The public is invited.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF APPOMATTOX

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The Pastor Speaks

Draw Nigh To God - Part V
Text: James 4:8

Last week, we stated that the sinner ought to seek God. Sinner, if you have any desire whatsoever to seek God, you can be assured that God is already dealing with you. That's right. John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." Perhaps you ask, "How do I know that God is drawing me?" John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Sinner, if you have any desire whatsoever for the eternal salvation of your lost soul, you can be sure that you will be accepted by Him. You have His promise that if you come to Him, you will not be cast out.

Now, we return to a portion of the verse that is written to both sinners and Christians, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." What a glorious promise, to realize that if we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us in return. It seems impossible. Every day we sin against the righteousness of God, yet He is willing to turn to us, if we will but turn to Him. However, we must be honest. To turn to God without submitting to Him for the purpose of self gain will accomplish naught. Psalm 145:18, "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth." In Luke 15, we have an excellent example of God's willingness to draw nigh to us. The prodigal son had left his Father, but one day, he wanted to draw nigh unto him again. So, he returned to his father. He not only found his father ready and willing to restore the son, but his father did more than wait, he ran to greet the son. If you will draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh to you. God will draw nigh to bless, to comfort, to quicken, to guide, to support, to counsel, to enlighten, to defend. God is ready to help in all these areas to those who would but draw nigh. In fact, even before you draw nigh, God is willing. Isaiah 65:24, "That before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For May 2, 1976

The Challenge of Mobility
Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:1, 8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. Hebrews 11:8

Mobility has been a characteristic of American society from the first settlement of this continent by Europeans. From the settlements near the coast people have moved inland, seeking new land as the population grew. Abut the time of the Revolution, pioneers began moving westward beyond the Appalachians. By the end of the 19th century, the expanse of the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, had been settled. Within this settled country people moved from one section to another. In depression many more move seeking jobs. Opportunities for work in war industries, and peacetime work opportunities as well, uproot many families from their native communities and transplant them in other areas. National and international corporations have the policy of moving employes from one place to another. Many people on retiring from active careers seek new homes, particularly in such areas of sunshine as Florida, Arizona and California.

Such mobility has had a dual impact religiously. For many, breaking established ties and settling among people not known to them has given opportunity for license, and they have abandoned old habits of church attendance and sobriety, even morality. Where no one knows them, what difference does it make, they reason. Former standards are relaxed and abandoned, and people adopt a secular and often sensual life style.

For the sinner and Christian alike, there is the promise, the hope, the comfort. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."

Glenn L. Benfield
Assistant Pastor & Youth Director, Bible Baptist Church Appomattox, Va.

By no means all who move from place to place abandon a Christian life style. Many, faithful to their responsibility to witness, take their religion with them. They identify with the churches in the communities to which they move. The Old West was evangelized by those who in the spirit of the Great Awakening carried their zeal for God with them to their new homes. Even today there are those who on moving keep their old religious ties. The migration of many from the South to other areas during and since World War II explains the extension of the Southern Baptist Convention beyond its regional bounds into every state in the Union.

Mobility has not been limited to this country. Before written history begins, there were great migrations of humanity. They have continued through the years, tremendously influential in shaping the course of history. The Bible records migrations: of Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees via Haran to the Land of Canaan; of the family of Jacob going into Egypt; of his descendants' return to the land of Promise; of the exile of peoples conquered in war; of the return of the Judean exiles from Babylon; of the dispersion of Israel.

Abraham is a notable example of one who remained faithful to God wherever he went. At the stopping places in his pilgrimage, he built an altar to God and worshipped Him. This was unusual in his day, for then people believed that each region had its own deity, that when a person went from one place to another, he left the old god behind and had to acknowledge the god of the land into which he had moved. From the change of life styles some of today's migrants make, it would appear that this concept has not been altogether abandoned.

It is the glory of Abraham and Moses that they realized that God is universal, that there are no limits to His sovereignty and power and creation, and that man, no matter how far he may go from the place of his birth, never gets beyond God's realm. An ancient psalmist expressed such a concept of God's universal sovereignty well when he found no place where God is not: He is in heaven and in Sheol (the abode of the dead); "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there they hand shall lead me and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:7-12).

This Psalm should be a basic text for this mobile ago. No matter where we go, we do not leave God behind, as we may leave family, kindred and neighbors. Mobility makes for instability, for it moves people from familiar foundations and cuts roots. Man needs the stability of the eternal God, for his own stability. Jesus Christ is, as Paul wrote, the one foundation. That foundation may be had anywhere on which to build the structure of a solid life. In a mobile society, faith in God through Jesus Christ is the sure stabilizing influence.

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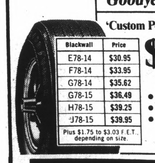

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Pamplin Charge Bible Study & U.M.Y.F. will be held at Pamplin United Methodist Church Sunday, May 2, at 7 p.m.

The beginning of Family Week will be observed with a covered dish supper and a film, "Salt of the Earth" at Evergreen United Methodist Church on Sat., May 1, at 6 p.m.

The adult-class of Evergreen United Methodist Church enjoyed a covered dish supper and short business meeting Friday night, April 23 at the church.

The young adult and youth class of Evergreen United Methodist Church enjoyed a cook-out and ballgame at the Evergreen Ball Park Saturday evening.

The officers and teachers Bible Study of Evergreen Baptist Church will meet Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Mattie "Mott" Harvey.

Mrs. Kathleen Tibbs, of Richmond, visited her mother, Mrs. Alice Jackson and aunt, Mrs. Clara Garrett on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples, Jr. and Janet and Henry C. of Richmond, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Staples Sunday afternoon.

The Youth Dept. of Evergreen Baptist Church enjoyed a cook-out at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Terry Saturday evening.

The following schedule of cottage prayer meetings will be held in preparation for revival that will begin at Evergreen Baptist Church Monday, May 10.

Prayer meeting May 3 - home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting - Tues., May 4 - home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keys - 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 5 - at church 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 6 - home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett - 7:30 p.m.

Fri., May 7 - home of Mr. and Mrs. John Covington - 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Reba Bruce is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg.

Mrs. Minnie Massie of Hampton, Va., is spending several days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Z.E. Chandam.

A birthday dinner was given Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell in honor of her father, Mr. Randall Wooldridge. Guests present other than Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge were Mrs. Ursula Davis of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge.

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